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SUBJECT: BRITISH HIGH COMMISSIONER DISCUSSION WITH DIMIS DIMITRIOU

SUMMAR: UK HICOM OLVER HAS BEEN CONTACTED BY SAMPSON'S "FOREIGN MINISTER" DIMITRIOU WHO SOUGHT ASSURE UK OF DEDICATION NEW GROUP TO CONTINUED INDEPENDENCE CYPRUS AND TO SETTLEMENT WITH TURKS THROUGH INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS. END SUMMARY

1. AMBASSADOR CALLED ON UK HIGH COMMISSIONER OLVER JULY 17 A.M. FOR EXCHANGE ON PRESENT SITUATION. OLVER SAID HE HAD RECEIVED WORD PREVIOUS EVENING THAT DIMIS DIMITRIOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE HIM AT FOREIGN MINISTRY. OLVER REPLIED THAT THIS NOT POSSIBLE SINCE IT MIGHT BE INTERPRETED AS UK RECOGNITION OF NEW REGIME. UNDETERRED, DIMITRIOU APPEARED EARLY THIS MORNING AND WAS RECEIVED BY OLVER. DIMITRIOU MADE IMPASSIONED PLEA FOR UK AND TURK UNDERSTANDING THAT NEW GOVERNMENT COMMITTED TO INDEPENDENCE CYPRUS AND RESOLUTION DIFFICULTIES
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ALIA, HE NOTED THAT FOR YEARS HE HAD SERVED AS PRESIDENT CYPRUS BOY SCOUTS BOTH GREEK AND TURK AND THAT HE MIGHT HAVE SOME BONA FIDES LEFT WITH TURK CYPRIOTS.

2. OLVER TOOK OCCASION TO STRESS THAT HMG HAD GIVEN REFUGE TO MAKARIOS FOR HUMANITARIAN REASONS AND ACCEDED TO HIS REQUEST TO BE REMOVED SINCE THIS REDUCED CHANCES OF CONTINUED BLOODY FIGHTING IN PAPHOS REGION. DIMITRIOU ACCEPTED THIS AND REMARKED HE WAS GLAD "THEY" HADN'T KILLED HIM: HIS DEATH OR CAPTURE WOULD EQUALLY BE EMBARRASSMENT FOR NEW REGIME. (HE LATER REPEATED THIS TO US OFFICERS.)

3. OLVER TOLD ME NG NOW IN FAIRLY FULL CONTROL GREATER PART GREEK SECTOR OF ISLAND INCLUDING, APPARENTLY, PAPHOS REGION. HE NOTED NO PROVABLE INVOLVEMENT ELDYK ELEMENTS IN COUP (HIS INSISTANCE ON LACK OF EVIDENCE WAS ONE FACTOR ANNOYING TO TURKISH CHARGE ON WHOM HE CALLED IMMEDIATELY AFTER MY CALL -- SEE SEPTTEL). INHAN LATER REPORTED TO ME THAT GREEK NG OFFICERS UNDER SAME DISCIPLINE AS ELDYK OFFICERS AND BRITISH NEEDED ONLY TO LOOK AT MAKARIOS' LETTER TO IOANNIDES INSISTING ON CYPRIOT CONTROL OF GUARD TO KNOW WHERE ORDERS TO ELIMINATE MAKARIOS CAME FROM. HE FELT BRITS BEING DISINGENUOUS IN MAKING HIS POINT TO TURKS.

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